



BECKER COUNTY

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Members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Council Members;

Becker County is concerned about stopping the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and has actively been pursuing a number of efforts underway locally which include:

- providing coordination and training of AIS educators;
- AIS education and outreach at public meetings;
- Working to facilitate local and regional planning on combating AIS in west central Minnesota.

We support the MN COLA grant request proposal for Statewide AIS Facilities and Equipment which would provide one-time capital grants for local governments to help keep Zebra mussels from coming into Becker County.

We believe this proposal would assist local government efforts to stop the spread of AIS, and we encourage your support.

Zebra mussels have infested many of our beautiful lakes in Minnesota, but many thousands more are still unaffected. These infestations permanently affect the fish habitat which is central to your mission.

Please fund this proposal to help prevent further ecological damage to our public waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Skarie".

Don Skarie, Chair
Becker County Board of Commissioners
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